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Sir:

Please advise the undersigned as to the status of the above-identified application as follows:

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A duplicate copy of the present Status Inquiry is attached hereto. It is respectfully requested that the duplicate copy be marked appropriately to indicate the status of the above-identified application and returned to the undersigned as soon as possible.

Please call the undersigned if there are any questions with regard to the present request.

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